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Dubs Death*

Statement by Marshall D. Shulman

In a time of violence, the significance of the death of one man may not receive the attention it deserves. In the case of "Spike" Dubs, there are many reasons for the nation to pause, mourn and reflect. (R)

The tragic and untimely death of "Spike" Dubs should make us aware how fortunate our nation is -- though we take it too much for granted -- to have a corps of Foreign Service Officers who serve the United States with dedication and devotion, and who rarely receive the recognition they deserve.

"Spike" was a superb example of the best traditions of the diplomatic service. He prepared himself well for this work -- I speak with pride of this, for he was my friend and former student. In his service in Liberia, Canada, Germany, Yugoslavia, and the Soviet Union, as well as in Afghanistan, he combined high professional competence with human warmth and compassion, and earned the respect and affection of all who served with him.

In his year as Charge in Moscow -- a year of turbulent events -- Spike managed with unflappable good humor to represent the United States in a way which reflected the best aspects of the American character.

He will be sadly missed by a legion of friends all over the world, and by many who did not have the privilege of knowing him.

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